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Gratings to Structural Members

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being concurrently filed with a reissue patent application. Please enter the amendment into the case prior to examination.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

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(Amended) An apparatus for securing a grating sheet to structural members, the grating sheet including an upper and lower surface, the apparatus comprising:

a top plate for mounting on the upper surface of the grating sheet, the top plate having a hole therein and upper and lower surfaces;

a bottom plate having an [slot] opening, the bottom plate being sized and shaped for attaching to the structural member in a laterally extending direction for supporting the grating sheet; and

[engaging means] a securing mechanism extending between the upper surface of the top plate and the opening of the bottom plate for clamping the top